

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11, 12, 15-18, 20-29, 31, 32, 35-40, and 45-59 are pending in this application. By this Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 6, 20, 21, 26, 37, 39, and 48.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 so as to replace "the" with -- a --, in the instances shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "direction" and in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "longitudinal movement". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent Claim 1 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has amended Claim 6 so as to replace "the" with -- a --, as shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "basketball backboard". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 6 does not contain new matter.

Applicant has amended Claim 20 so as to insert -- at least one of --, in each instance shown, in order to correct an inadvertent error, so as to replace "the" with -- a --, in each instance shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "basketball backboard apparatus" and in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "vicinity", so as to insert -- first --

before "position" in order to correct an inadvertent error, and so as to insert -- infrared heat from a player, an impact or impact motion upon a basketball backboard apparatus, a light beam break from a basketball, --, as shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "darkness, daylight, noise, infrared heat from a player, an impact or impact motion upon a basketball backboard apparatus, a light beam break from a basketball, motion in a vicinity of the structure in which the apparatus is mounted or to which the apparatus is mounted, rainfall, snowfall, and an environmental condition". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claim 20 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 21 so as to replace "the" with -- a --, in the instances shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "direction" and in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "longitudinal movement". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent Claim 21 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has amended Claim 26 so as to replace "the" with -- a --, as shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "basketball backboard". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 26 does not contain new matter.

Applicant has amended Claim 37 so as to replace "the"

with -- an --, as shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "operation". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 37 does not contain new matter.

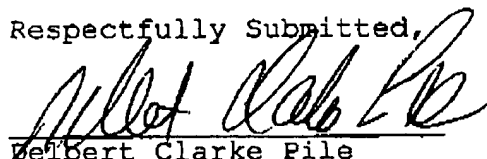
Applicant has amended Claim 39 so as to replace "the" with -- an --, as shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "operation". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to Claim 39 does not contain new matter.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 48 so as to replace "the" with -- a --, in the instances shown, in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "direction" and in order to provide proper antecedent basis for "longitudinal movement". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent Claim 48 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has also amended the Abstract of the Disclosure by deleting the Abstract of the Disclosure and by substituting therefor the new Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended so as to make the Abstract of the Disclosure consistent with the Claims, as amended by this Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Entry of this Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37  
C.F.R. §1.312 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Encls.: - Abstract of the Disclosure

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